

# *An Open Letter to* **MEN** *committed to social justice in the Bay Area*

On January 22nd, the right-wing grassroots anti-choice movement will be coming to San Francisco to shout their anti-human rights, anti-woman message in the streets. At this time, when women's rights to abortion are being challenged by the Bush administration and questioned in the Democratic party, it is crucial that we as men join the sisters organizing in opposition to this right-wing march and say:

## **REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE FOR ALL!**

The right wing seeks to claim moral authority on the issue of reproductive health by insisting that women seeking abortions, abortion providers, and all people supporting reproductive freedom have little regard for human life. They have flexed their moral authority to organize millions of people against the right of women to have control over their bodies.

However, the right-wing claims to be 'pro-life' while launching wars against the Iraqi people, the Palestinian People, the Colombian people, the Haitian people, and poor and black and brown people all over the world. They call people who stand up for reproductive freedom killers, but they send our loved-ones to death row or to Guantanamo. They say every life counts, but spend more on bombs and prisons than they do on healthcare and schools.

They use wedge issues to divide our communities and our country, and use anti-abortion, anti-queer, anti-immigrant campaigns to foster hatred between people. The right-wing agenda benefits the rich on the backs of poor women of color and their communities in the U.S. and around the world.

On January 22nd, we call on all men in the Bay Area to join us in support of our sisters and raise our voices together. We call on Queer and heterosexual men, men of color and white men, working-class and middle-class men, and men of all classes, races, and sexual and gender orientations to unite behind a vision for reproductive justice.

We must show the right-wing anti-choice movement that they are not welcome here in San Francisco, one of the most pro-choice cities in the nation. The country and the world must hear that the social justice movement loves and respects the lives of women and all people. As sons, brothers, lovers, fathers, friends, and comrades of those whose bodies and basic human rights are under attack by these forces, it is our responsibility to stand up and say we won't allow this assault to continue.

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**STAND UP FOR CHOICE:  
REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE!**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 22ND**

**10 AM RALLY AT POWELL & MARKET**

**(11am-march to Embarcadero to line the rightwing event)**

**1PM MEET AT AQUATIC PARK (near Fort Mason)**

**FOR COUNTERDEMONSTRATION**

For more information about the January 22nd march, please visit:  
<http://jan22action.riseup.net/> • <http://indybay.org/womyn/>

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It is crucial that we support the leadership and pivotal role of women and gender-oppressed people in our broad social justice movement. We'll fight against the forces that try to deny reproductive justice to those who have been and must be at the center of all fights for social justice. As men, let us make January 22nd an opportunity to unite behind a broad and deep vision for women's liberation, queer liberation, immigrant rights, and a just society for all. Let us commit to reaching out to other men in our life and building widespread support in our families and communities for social justice. Let us build a broad community of men committed to feminism.

We believe all people should be able to determine the futures of their communities, their lives, and their bodies. Fighting for reproductive justice is a fight for life.

## *In Solidarity,*

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